

For your prayers:

Please pray for those who are sick including Kathy Keffler, Val Flippance, Karen Bucknall, Zoe Grist and Jean Fitzgerald.

Please pray for the families and friends of Elizabeth Shepard and Gordon Burge who have died recently.

We also remember Barbara Neve, Shirley Nevin, and Dorothy Duguid whose year’s mind falls at this time.

WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

All enquiries about weddings or baptisms should be made directly to the Vicar or Curate —contact details below.

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Prayer for God’s gift of Creation:

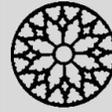
God of creation, the earth is yours
with all its beauty and goodness,
its rich and overflowing provision.

But we have claimed it for our own,
plundered its beauty for profit,
grabbed its resources for ourselves.

God of creation, forgive us.
May we no longer abuse your trust,
but care gently and with justice
for your earth.

Amen.

Items for inclusion in the Notices need to be emailed to
churchwarden@stmarysck.org.uk by **Tuesday** each week



St Mary’s Church, Charlton Kings
Sunday, 2nd May, 2021— Easter 5

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ AND COMPLY:

Ropes had been removed from pew ends and the cushions replaced on pew seats **BUT we were trusting people to sit sensibly in church and continue to observe all the social distancing guidelines.** It was noted and commented upon that, sadly, last Sunday, the guidelines were not followed by a small number of people in the congregation. The removal of roped-of pews was not an invitation to ignore Covid social distancing regulations in order to sit in your favourite pre-pandemic pew regardless of whether or not there was a distance of six feet between you and the next person. Please do not sit directly behind another worshipper but move along the pews maintaining social distance between individuals or family groups both beside and in front of you. **You must leave a distance of six feet between you and the person sitting next to, or in front of, you unless they are in your household group/bubble.** If a Welcomer asks you to move along the pew to increase the space between worshippers please comply with the request with both understanding and good humour.

Remember: If attending church, contact tracing, mask wearing, hand sanitising and social distancing rules must be observed. Enter by the West Door and leave the building by the South Door. Do not attend if you have any of the Covid symptoms and notify the Vicar if you test positive within 3 weeks of attending.

The 10:00am service will be live streamed on **www.stmarysck.org.uk/** and be available to view on the internet during the coming week .

TODAY’S SERVICES

The service sheet may be downloaded
and printed from the website

8:00am Holy Communion

President: Rev’s Graham Bowkett

10:00am Parish Communion

President and Preacher:

Rev’d Graham Bowkett

Readings: Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Hymns:

Common Praise No: 305 -

I come with joy, a child of God

Common Praise No: 138 -

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing

Collect and Post-Communion Prayer
are overleaf on Page 2

Collect
 Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son
 Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to us
 the gate of everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going before
 us you put into our minds good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen.
Post Communion Prayer:
 Eternal God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
 the truth and the life:
 grant us to walk in his way,
 to rejoice in his truth,
 and to share his risen life;
 who is alive and reigns, now and
 for ever.
Amen.

Parish Diary

Regular Services in Church:

Sundays: 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Orde 2)
 10:00am Parish Communion (CW Order 1)
 Thursdays: 11:00am Holy Communion (CW Order 2)
 Monday to Friday: 9:00am Morning Prayer 5:30pm Evening Prayer

Online Services:

Sunday: 10:00am Parish Communion (CW Order 1)

The service sheet for Sunday may be downloaded from the Parish Website.

Other services and events:

May—

Friday 7th

9:00am Church Flowers Church

Saturday 8th

9:00am Holy Dusters church cleaning Church

Friday 14th

9:00am Church Flowers Church

Saturday 15th

9:30am Churchyard Clear-up Churchyard

Monthly Churchyard Clear-up Working Parties begin again Saturday, 15th May

Volunteers (old and new) urgently needed. No experience necessary but please bring gardening gloves if you have some. The task is to undertake general tidying up and trimming overgrown shrubs etc. It would also be helpful if you have any secateurs, garden rakes, brushes, or litter picking tools. Refreshments will be provided during the morning.

Just turn up on the day or contact Jean or Colin (Churchwardens) for more information.

Put the dates in your diary now:

9:30 to 11:30am on the Third Saturday in every month.

Christian Aid Week—10th to 16th May 2021

Megan Hozier is doing a 15 mile sponsored walk in support of Cheltenham Christian Aid around the roads that she has not yet discovered in Hatherley where she now lives. Money for the sponsored walk is being collected over the internet via Megan’s own Tapsimple giving page at <https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/megan-s-sponsored-walk-for-christian-aid-week> .



Alternatively, Alison is around today with an old-fashioned sponsor form, on which she is collecting names of those who would like to support Megan.

Megan set out on her walk yesterday without waiting for Christian Aid Week proper, so it is possible to give your sponsorship money right away to Alison, who will take it round to the Christian Aid Treasurer. If you would like to promise money for later collection, that is fine too.

You can also donate directly, via the central Christian Aid website at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Please give as generously as you are able to via any of the above three routes and you will be assured that your gift will go to help some of the world’s poorest and most disadvantaged people look forward to a better future.

Pied Piper Appeal Thank you -

to everyone who gave me wool for the lady who knits cardigans and jumpers for sick children in Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. She was ‘over the moon’ about the generosity shown and now has sufficient wool to last her for several months.
 Jean Hockett